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## Sugar coating

There is a tendency among observers to judge U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission to the Middle East in terms of its contribution towards the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference. As such it is regarded as a failure. The focus of criticism is that President Carter must have known from his meeting with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin in Washington last month that the Likud leader was not about to give way on substantive issues. The question this has raised is why was Mr. Vance dispatched on his mission at all if the U.S. was not prepared to apply some pressure to lever Mr. Begin into a less intransigent position?

Yet when all is said and done, it must be admitted that President Carter has kept the upper hand in the on going but amicable tug of war between himself and Mr. Begin. Mr. Carter has kept it friendly because he hopes to achieve the greatest measure of success that way. It would not have been tactically wise for him to instruct his secretary of state to hit Mr. Begin over the head with a sledgehammer, and nothing short of that would have elicited spectacular concessions from the hard-headed Israeli premier.

The effusively polite encounter between President Carter and Mr. Begin in Washington was -- in the opinion of former Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin -- a victory for the American president. Mr. Rabin, who incidentally is a master tactician, has been raking his successor over the coals for allowing Mr. Carter to avoid a confrontation with Israel's friends in the United States. Perhaps Mr. Begin should have listened to Mr. Rabin, who obviously knows when to pursue an advantage. Mr. Carter, on the other hand, has cleverly sidestepped a showdown when the cards were stacked against him.

Mr. Carter's declared tactic is not to precipitate a confrontation with but to enlist the support of the American Jewish community and the Israeli public in convincing Mr. Begin's ruling coalition to be reasonable. Significantly, the latest poll in Israel, conducted by the influential Haaretz newspaper, shows that nearly 60 per cent of the Israeli public is convinced that peace is inseparable from concessions on the West Bank. This is a shift from earlier polls taken since Begin scored his upset victory in the Israeli general elections.

Evidently Mr. Carter is playing a cool game. His intention is not to drag concessions from a kicking and screaming Mr. Begin, but to make the concessions required of Israel seem so adamantly justified in view of Arab flexibility that the Israelis will be compelled to reciprocate.

The U.S. has meanwhile been eliciting concessions from the Arabs on procedural issues, coupled with American guarantees that substantive issues will not be prejudiced.

President Carter came on the brink of a breakthrough by convincing the PLO to reconsider its position on Security Council Resolution 242. Mr. Vance has also won the support of Egypt and Jordan for bilateral ministerial talks at the U.N. yet nothing has been forthcoming from Mr. Begin, whose initial reaction to the PLO initiative may have soured the whole thing.

It was no accident that Mr. Vance made it clear before leaving Israel -- as diplomatically as he could -- that the Arabs had in fact demonstrated some flexibility whereas the Israeli government had contributed nothing new towards peace. Significantly, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan came out with a statement Friday that East Jerusalem was "negotiable." This must naturally be taken with several grains of salt, but it does show that the U.S. tactics have got the ultra-hardliners on the run. The results have not been spectacular so far, but there has been some movement.

Ultimately, the success of the American initiative should be judged not in terms of the early reconvening of the Geneva conference, but of progress being made as quickly as is feasible. Using that criterion, there is much to be said for the American approach.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR commented, Friday, on His Majesty King Hussein's Silver Jubilee speech. The King, the paper said, chose to devote the 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne to a reminder of the principles to which he pledged himself when he undertook the leadership of Jordan. In outlining the path along which this country has walked for the last quarter-of-a-century, the King's speech focused on the essential beliefs to which Jordan remains committed; beliefs which have helped us to face up to previous crises and can help us to surmount future problems.

AL AKHBAR summed up the results of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's Middle Eastern tour. From the American point of view, the paper said, the tour was successful because the last-minute agreement to hold further talks in New York, during the forthcoming session of the United Nations' General Assembly, has kept the American peace initiative open. The Israelis can also consider the tour successful because they have managed to escape further U.S. pressure and have not been forced to offer any new concessions. But any Arab optimism, the paper concluded, could only be the feeling that the situation remains the same for Mr. Vance's tour has simply instituted a further period of waiting to stretch until the promised talks in New York.

# Featuring... Beauty in Petra

It wasn't an easy job to visualise the Nabataeans, the ancient inhabitants of Petra... Yet Papou Lahoud could do it. In fact, she is the one who designed the set of costumes for "Petra", the Rabbani brothers' show starring Lebanese singer Feyruz, which was performed Wednesday and Thursday at the Palace of Culture.

**By Irene Ramadan**  
Special to the Jordan Times

Papou Lahoud is a very young, talented designer, who has created a lot of original stage costumes. Her speciality is folkloric design. Besides, she is the one who designed the Alia uniforms.

Talking about "Petra" she said: "The most difficult thing

was to create a harmony of shapes and colours while at the same time dealing with very heterogeneous elements."

"Petra" tells the story of a courageous Nabataean queen who successfully copes with the Roman invaders. Many different peoples converged on the prosperous merchant city -- Nabataeans, Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians, Romans,

Phoenicians and Greeks -- from many different classes -- the court, ordinary people, soldiers and caravan merchants.

### Historical research

Papou had to design the costumes for the Nabataeans, an unknown nation, with great accuracy. So the young artist started by going to Paris, where she did a lot of research at the Louvre. She then came back to Petra to check what she had discovered in books by studying the sculptures and bas-reliefs. After consulting a Jordanian expert, Dr. Munir Zayyadin, she came to the conclusion that the Nabataeans could have kept their Arab identity despite Egyptian and Greek influences.

### 200 costumes

When they were inside their tents, they used flowing clothes, like those used in Greece, leaving their arms and legs bare. They wore nothing on their head. When they had to cope with the hot desert sun, they would however cover their head with a shawl similar to the present white "natta", worn by the Arabs.

Out of these ideas, Papou Lahoud created 50 different models for "Petra" and a total of 200 costumes.

The materials used by Papou -- wool and silk -- evoke the desert and the pinky-beige colour of Petra. One of her lucky hits was "The Symphony in Beige" for the jara dance. Each performer wore a different shade of beige with a multi-coloured belt.

The arrival of the caravans gave a colourful note to the desert atmosphere. Papou chose turquoise blue for the Babylonians, purple for the Romans and Phoenicians, and white and lapis lazuli for the Egyptians.

### Six sumptuous dresses

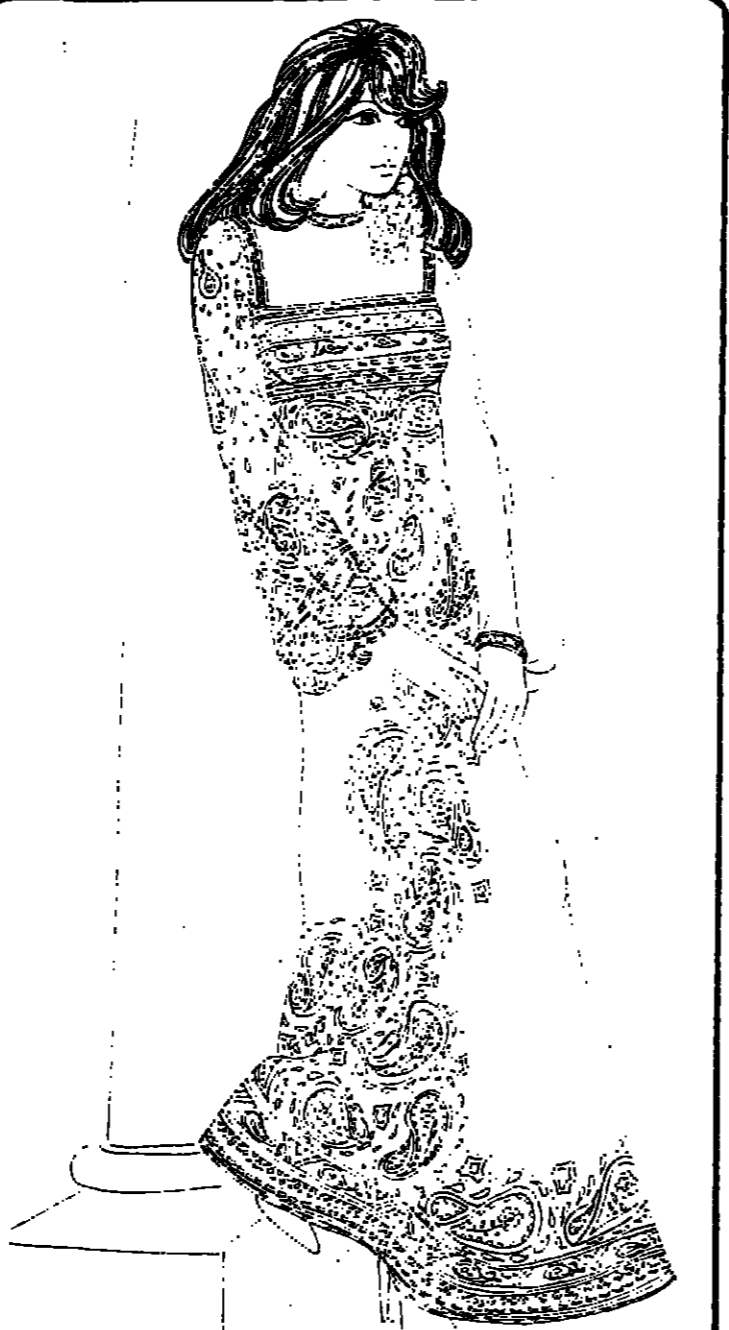
The Nabataean males are dressed ingeniously. Under a flowing "jellabia" they wear a long Greek tunic. For the soldiers, Papou ordered helmets, shields, armour, swords, lances and daggers. She also designed the jewellery for the cast.

Feyruz wore six different costumes designed by Papou Lahoud and made by Alfred Mehshi. For the special song dedicated to Amman she wore a beige crepe georgette dress embroidered with lilac cashmere designs. She also appeared in red with golden embroidery, turquoise, orange and green.

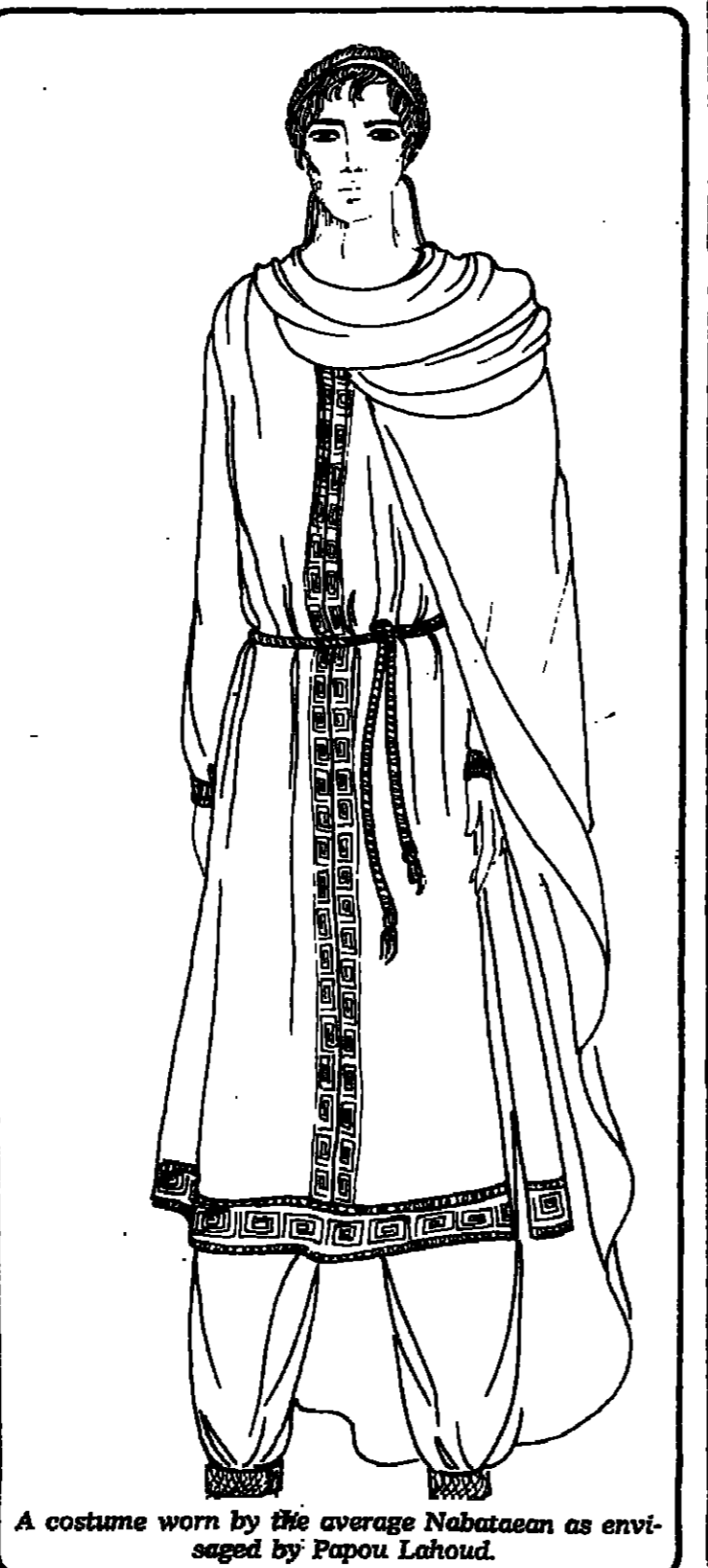
At the end of the show, while the people celebrate their victory over the Roman invaders, Feyruz, who loses her daughter for her country, wears a stunning white dress. An optimistic end to the loss of her daughter.



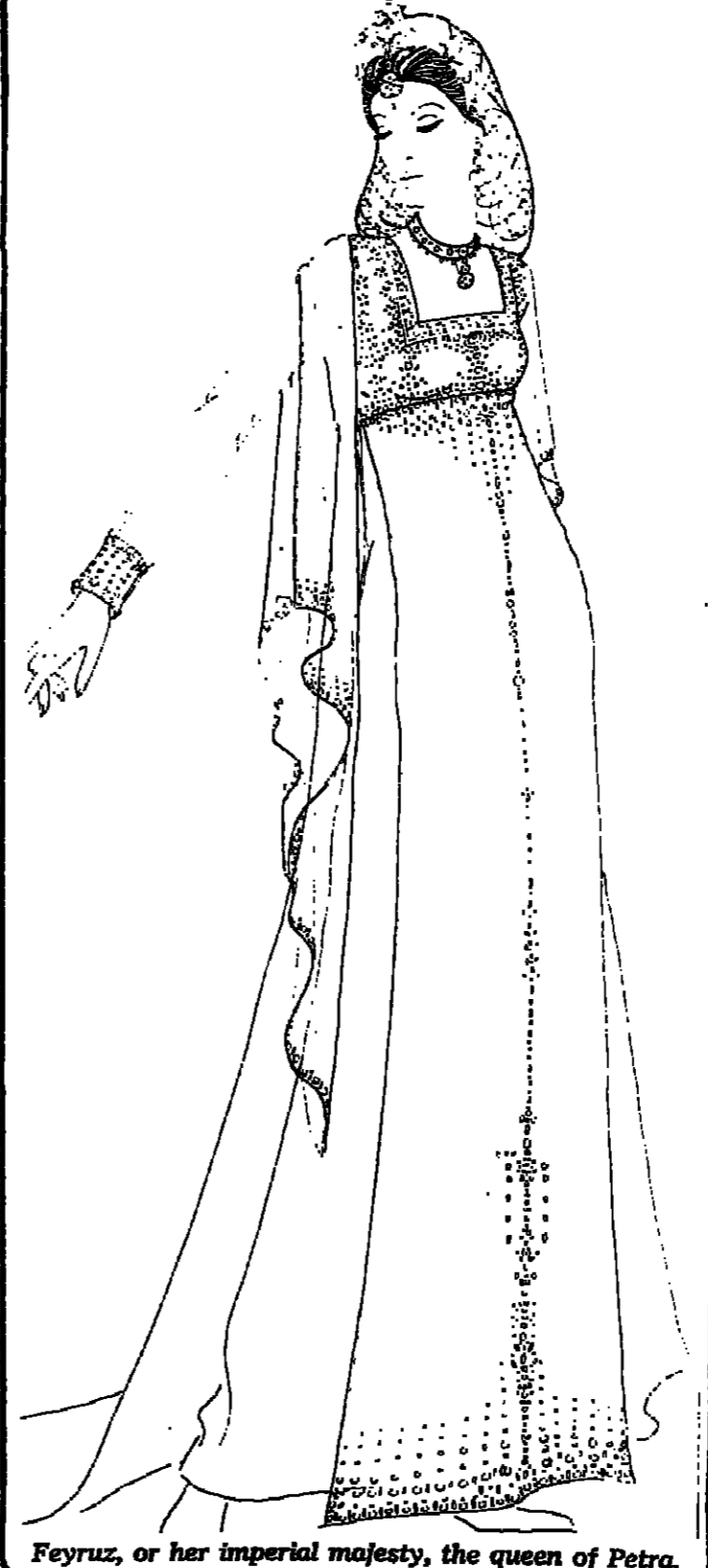
Papou Lahoud: The girl behind the costumes for the musical "Petra", which has just been performed at the Palace of Culture.



The long, flowing dress worn by Feyruz when she sang the praises of Amman.



A costume worn by the average Nabataean as envisaged by Papou Lahoud.



Feyruz, or her imperial majesty, the queen of Petra.

## Romania shows

### T.V. film on

### progress here

BUCHAREST, Aug. 12 (JNA). -- Romanian television Thursday showed a film on Jordan entitled "From Amman to Aqaba" for His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee.

The film dealt with Jordan's economic, social and cultural achievements during the King's reign.

A number of Romanian cameramen was in Jordan to film projects implemented or under construction.

## Iranian military delegation leaves after 4-day visit

AMMAN (JNA). -- An Iranian military delegation headed by Maj. Gen. Muratada Raja left here Friday after a four-day visit to Jordan.

It met with Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Zeid Ibn Shaker and Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Mohammad Idriss. The Iranians also visited several military institutions and the frontline.

## Industry expo opens today

AMMAN (JNA). -- An exhibition of industrial and agricultural items opens at the University of Jordan Saturday.

The week-long exhibition, organised by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, will display metal and plastic pipes, marble, ready-made doors, pottery, cooking equipment, foodstuffs and matches.

## Cables flow in for King Hussein's jubilee

AMMAN (JNA). -- More cables of congratulations flowed in to His Majesty King Hussein on the 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne.

Messages were sent by King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, Sultan Qabus of Oman, Emperor Hirohito of Japan and Crown Prince Akihito, King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, North Yemeni head Ibrahim Al Hamdi, President Suharto of Indonesia, Chilean President Augusto Pinochet and Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau.

Cables also came from Qatari Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ibn Khalifeh Al Thani and United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister Ahmad Khalifeh Al Suweidi.

## Ministry denies epidemic High incidence rate of typhoid reported

AMMAN (J.T.). -- An unusually high incidence rate of typhoid has been reported here in the past month, but Ministry of Health officials were hesitant about talking about an epidemic.

There is usually only one case present at any time in any hospital here, with a slight increase in summer. Typhoid fever, an extremely serious enteric disease, can be fatal in a couple of weeks if untreated.

More than six patients have been treated for typhoid and paratyphoid in the University of Jordan Hospital over the past month, according to doctors. Two are reported to have returned recently from Syria.

At least five cases were seen by private doctors in downtown Amman. No statistics are available, but the total number of cases in Jordan is now estimated to be at least 20.

Some of the cases displayed an abnormal feature: They did not respond to chloramphenicol, the classical drug used in the treatment of typhoid since 1948. One young female patient in the University of Jordan Hospital was a proved typhoid case, yet she did not show any improvement upon administration of chloramphenicol.

Another drug, baktarin, however, brought her fever down and she recovered completely.

Most patients have been treated with a combination of the drugs. A doctor from the university hospital believes there is not enough evidence to conclude there is a new strain of chloramphenicol-resistant typhoid. They may be isolated cases of low sensitivity to the drug, he stressed.

Medical literature reports that typhoid strains isolated in 1972 and 1973 in Mexico, Kerala (India), Saigon and Bangkok were found to be resistant to chloramphenicol. Studies made on a typhoid outbreak in Salt last year showed similar cases.

Sources at the Ministry of Health denied the existence of a typhoid outbreak. "There are only a few isolated cases in East Amman," the sources said. No comment was made on whether investigations or studies were planned or whether preventive measures were being carried out.

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# Mama mia! What's happened to Italy?

Annette Von Broecker (R). — A plate of spaghetti topped by a 38 revolution was the cover-photo of the West German magazine recently chose Italy.

provoked vehement reactions. Politicians and the united in condemning it as exaggerated and biased.

As they said, political terrorism, kidnappings, student strikes and jail breaks and riots reached alarming levels. They questioned whether this was a phenomenon unique to Italy.

As Italians enjoy their days on sun-flooded beach, political violence has eased considerably.

It looks as though the who-who is on holiday, including terrorists and criminals," police official said.

"We can't take a break. We have lots of things to undo from the past seven months," he said, examining a list of victims of Italian urban riots' newest type of attack — leg shooting.

Attacks all follow a similar pattern. A man leaves his car, several young people up and fire shots into his

few hours later the "red sides" claim to have made assault, or the "proletarian" or "communists fighting socialism" or other left urban guerrilla groups. Any one of their members is caught.

Victims, in their jargon, "tools of capitalism" and sent a carefully chosen selection of Italy's social blemish. They include nurses, professors, policemen, industrialists and politicians.

Their aim is to punish one intimidate hundreds, the official said.

Statistics are these: 1,533 left-wing acts of violence with 11 dead in 1976, pared to 702 incidents the year and 173 ten ago. In the first six months of 1977 police recorded cases with six dead.

He figures include all forms politically-motivated attack, as, for example, the killing April of a prominent judge.

The sort of bloodshed which struck Italy a few years ago,

like the bombing of a Milan bank in 1969 when 16 people died or the bomb explosion aboard an express train in 1974 which killed 12, have given way to a more subtle strategy of terror.

Neo-fascist organisations, accused of aiming to create a climate of fear and tension, are still awaiting the outcome of trials in which their members have been prosecuted for the two bombings.

Meanwhile new kidnapping records seem likely to be set. About 50 Italians have been abducted this year compared to last year's total of 51. Almost 30 are still missing.

Prison revolts and jail breaks are almost daily events, prompted by inmates' disappointment over delays of long promised reforms and the alleged inadequate conditions in which the country's 34,000-strong prison population is held.

The police complain about lack of prison security, the prisoners' anger is directed at overcrowded cells and lack of human rights.

In July, 600 of Italy's most dangerous prisoners scattered around the country were transferred to five maximum security jails in an operation involving more than 8,000 policemen.

Italy's increasingly radicalised student population have complained of hopelessly overcrowded lecture halls. They say only a limited proportion of students have any chance of finishing their courses of finding a job afterwards.

About 70 per cent of Italy's 1.4 million unemployed are under 29 years of age, including 383,000 who have high school or university diplomas.

Most political leaders agree that the country's social problems are very much at the root of the growing rebellion and violence.

They have promised numerous reforms but these have often been bogged down by bureaucracy or lack of funds and ended in the wastepaper basket.

Three decades of uninterrupted rule by the Christian Democrats and the decision of the Communist Party to rid itself of its revolutionary heritage and seek a role in government are other factors behind the young peoples' revolt.

There appears to be some connection between the timing

of urban guerrilla attacks and each move the Communist Party makes towards closer power sharing with the Christian Democrats.

The long and delicate negotiations which led to the Communists' link-up in early July for the first time since 1947 with the Christian Democrats in a six-party legislative pact were accompanied by bombings, shootings and student riots.

"The more moderate the Communist Party turns, the more room is vacated on the left for those disillusioned by what they call the big treason

of the Communists," an official in the Rome anti-terrorist squad said.

Guidelines on how to deal with political and common crime has been presented to the government by the six-party ruling pact. Tough anti-crime legislation is to go before Parliament this autumn.

Its main thrust is crime prevention and one measure proposes the arrest of people suspected of plotting a crime.

Other measures envisage the tapping of telephones, the right to search suspected hide-outs, and permission for police to interrogate suspects in connection with planned acts of terrorism, kidnappings, drug trafficking and other serious crimes.

The government also promised to reform the police and prison system and build new high-security jails.

The plans provoked more foreign criticism, this time from a group of French philosophers who charged that Italy was on the way to turning into a police state.

Rejecting the suggestion, a Communist Party leader said that his country was still one of the most democratic in Europe.

# South Korea debates the development of an independent nuclear armament

SEOUL, Aug. 12 (AFP). — Should or should not South Korea push for its own independent nuclear armament?

This question is being increasingly asked in Seoul today, amid preoccupation over the planned withdrawal of American ground troops from South Korea.

Officially, as Premier Choi Kyu Hah stated recently at a National Assembly debate, South Korea will not go nuclear because it has confidence in the United States nuclear umbrella.

But officials here have let it be known that South Korea may be compelled to start its own nuclear arms development, if the United States decide to pull out their tactical nuclear weapons now in South Korea.

This matter was apparently discussed between South Korean President Park Chung Hee and visiting U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown here last month, but both of them refused to talk about it to newsmen.

Sometime ago, President Park in an interview with an American journalist warned bluntly that his country would do anything necessary, including development of nuclear weapons, to insure its survival, if the U.S. nuclear umbrella was withdrawn.

It is a known fact that South

Korea now has the technical potentiality to develop its own nuclear weapons.

Although Seoul says it has no plans to manufacture atomic bombs, it appears that Seoul wants to maintain a nuclear option such as the one enjoyed by Israel and Japan, so that its nuclear capability could be converted from a peace-oriented set-up to a war-footing at short notice.

South Korea already possesses two atomic reactors in Seoul.

A recent U.S. government study estimated that these two reactors, which began operation in 1975, would produce between 240 and 300 kilograms of plutonium a year and that by 1980 South Korea would have accumulated some 820 to 1,000 kilograms of plutonium, sufficient to produce 200 nuclear bombs, 60 nuclear bombs a year thereafter, and 88 nuclear bombs a year by the year 2000.

In an apparent effort to make its potential of nuclear development a reality, Seoul tried to purchase from France a plutonium reprocessing plant, but was compelled to give it up last year under strong pressure from the United States.

Washington feared that such a nuclear reprocessing plant could be used by Seoul in manufacturing nuclear warheads and missiles.

It is believed that Seoul co-

uld, without much difficulty, make a shift from manufacturing conventional weapons to developing basic nuclear capability.

The fact that South Korea is a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty does not deter her from pursuing the policy of getting ready for the contingency of nuclear development.

It is reported that Seoul plans to spend some \$110 million during the current four-year plan (1977-81) to develop nuclear technology.

This will make South Korea about 30 per cent self-sufficient in nuclear power plant equipment and nuclear fuel by 1981.

An American specialist on nuclear strategy, Professor Ernest Lefever, in a public lecture here last week forecast that South Korea may build its own nuclear force if the United States weakens its support and commitment to defend South Korea.

But, he warned, that North Korea would be tempted to launch a preemptive attack against the South, if Seoul made a firm decision to go nuclear.

According to his analysis, however, North Korea is not technically or economically capable of going nuclear, and neither Moscow nor Peking are likely to help Pyongyang on that matter.

# Absurdity's loophole By Bassam Bishuti

## Quo vadis, Palestinas ?

I will grant that there must be someone, somewhere, who can still see sense in the current Middle Eastern tour of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, but I declare that I cannot. The confusion of the past two weeks has mixed the cards so much that there is no telling now who believes what and who really wants what.

But the crowning glory of the confusion must be reserved for the farce of the willingness of the Palestinians to accept United Nations Resolution 242 on the condition it is "amended" to accord them "national rights" rather than to refer to them as "refugees". The idea being that once the Palestinians accept Resolution 242 the U.S. will, in turn, accept the Palestine Liberation Organisation as a participant in the promised Geneva conference because, by accepting the said resolution, the PLO would have formally declared its recognition of the "right of Israel to exist within secure borders," and would have committed the Palestinians, and the Arabs, to a formal end to the state of war with Israel.

It is a fact, however, and a very sobering fact, that the first official Israeli reaction was this statement by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan: "Even if the PLO does accept all of Resolution 242, even without reservations, it would not mean we would accept the PLO as a partner for Geneva negotiations." Gen. Dayan is missing of an eye but he saw it clearly enough to add: "We see no reason to negotiate with a party which is not a state..." And that's where the farce lies.

The PLO will be committing political suicide once it accepts Resolution 242, simply because it is not an officially recognised government. The only official status the PLO enjoys is its acceptance by the Arab states — and not by Israel or the U.S. — as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." Once the PLO accepts the U.N. resolution it would, literally, have played its last card and cut its own throat. It would have committed the Palestinians, and the Arabs, to a recognition of Israel and an end to the Palestinian "Cause" in return for nothing more tangible than a promised seat at a promised meeting in Geneva and the official transformation of the Palestinian issue

into one of national rights. After that the PLO might as well cease to exist for all the purpose it can accomplish.

But one begins to wonder whether the thing is really a farce. Especially that Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO, has been quoted as describing the current peace effort as "...aimed at abolishing PLO representation of the Palestinian people." On the face of it, this sounds like another of these radical, unjustifiable accusations. For the whole American peace effort appears to promise that the PLO's recognition of Israel is merely a procedural step designed to allow the Middle East conflict to be resolved at Geneva with the creation of a Palestinian homeland headed by the PLO. But it seems that's only the tip of the iceberg — or, rather, the carrot dangling at the end of the stick.

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**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Handle a responsibility instead of worrying about it and then you have time for the recreations you desire. You can confide quietly in another during the day.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** The situation at home could prove quite irritating now but later all works out fine. Get rid of the obsolete and replace with the new.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Ideal time to visit with relatives, friends, customers, provided you use extra care in driving. Show courtesy toward all and steer clear of arguments. You'll get ahead faster this way.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** See what can be done to cut down on expenses. Later, you can invest wisely, since you have fine judgment. Add to your savings account. Be careful of strangers.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Your ideas are strange now so do not depend on them. Later practical ones occur that should be worked out. Make early appointments for later entertainment and all will go smoothly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You find it difficult to gain that sim now, but don't be discouraged since later you are successful with it. Understand what friends desire and try to please them more.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** The latter part of the day is best for handling public matters, according to the planets. A bigwig is not in a good humor now but later will change and all works out beautifully.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Many situations arise early that require you control your temper. Make sure to complete what you start.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Handle obligations you have assumed early so that later you have more time for a loved one. A new idea you have can be put to good use. Be diplomatic with others.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Your intuition is askew now so do not follow it. Later it can be most helpful to you. Be tactful with mate, loved one and you avoid a big rumpus later. Show kindness. Think straight.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Now is not the time to confer with a partner. Wait until later. An outside affair could get you angry, but cool down and everything turns out all right.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** You want to get out to new places and activities early, but you have work to do that is important. Clear that up first and then you can study into some worthwhile outlet.

## PEANUTS



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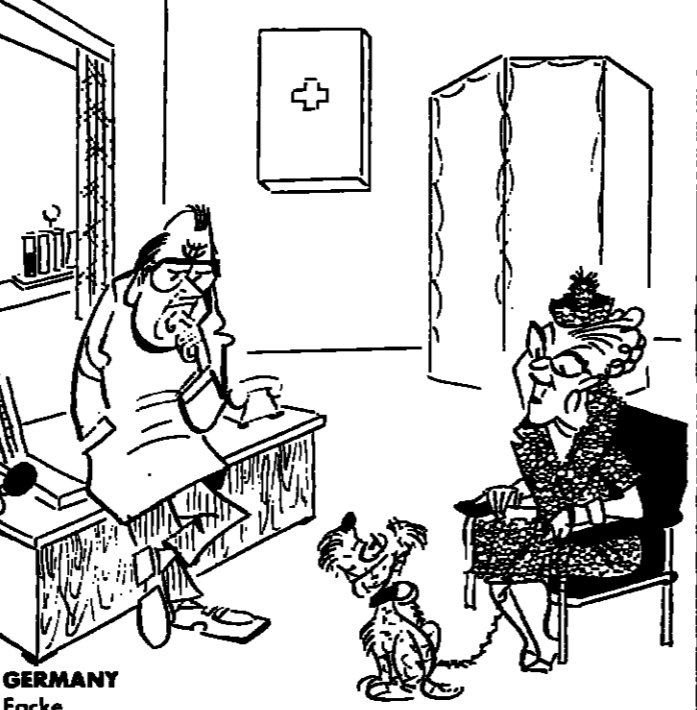
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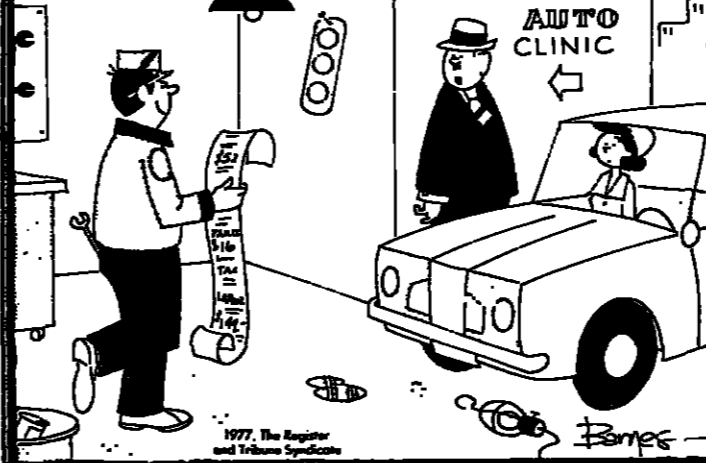
## THE FLINTSTONES



## LAUGHS FROM EUROPE



## THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



## PROVERB

The more you learn the more you realise how little you know.

## GORED BRIDGE

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Neither vulnerable. South deals.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 109874  
♥ A5  
♦ K  
♣ 108632  
**EAST**  
♠ AK3  
♥ KJ10983  
♦ 52  
♣ Q7  
**SOUTH**  
♠ Q7642  
♥ A104  
♦ AKJ54

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♣  
3 ♠ 3 ♣ 5 ♠ 5 ♣  
6 ♣ Dbie. Pass Pass  
Pass  
Opening lead: Five of ♣.

Britain's Martin Hoffman continues to shine in the Philip Morris European Cup series of tournaments. Here's an example of his technique from the event played in The Hague.

Hoffman's one heart opening bid left West with no reasonable action to take on the first round. The momentum of the auction carried North-South to a club slam, and West's double was based as much on the hope of defeating the contract as on deterring his partner from sacrificing at six diamonds. He was proved wrong on both counts. Not only was he unable to beat the slam, but the save in six diamonds would have been very inexpensive indeed.

The opening diamond lead was won in dummy and a trump was led to the king. Hoffman now chose to abandon trumps, leaving West

with the queen. A heart was discarded on the ace of diamonds and a heart to the ace brought a diamond discard from East. Declarer now had a reasonably clear picture of the distribution.

He ruffed a spade and then led his remaining diamond. If West ruffed with the queen, declarer would make the rest of the tricks on a crossruff, so he discarded a spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy and continued to ruff spades low in his hand and hearts in dummy. West was helpless.

Eventually he had the opportunity to overruff in spades, but West realized that it would not help him. He would be employed. If he led a low heart, declarer would run it to the queen;

if he led the king, declarer would ruff and his queen would be established while he still had a trump as entry to his hand.

But refusing to ruff was no better. Declarer simply ruffed another heart in dummy and a spade with the ace, and at trick eleven, declarer was in his hand holding two

hearts. Dummy was down to the ten of trumps and a spade, and West held the high trump and a heart. When declarer led one of his

remaining hearts, West had to follow, so dummy's ten of clubs scored the fulfilling trick.

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### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GREDIB  
DORCEF

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ○○○○○○  
Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: EIGHT WRATH HECKLE FONDLY  
Answer: Whimper over the wine—WHINE

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS: 1. Dank, 6. Overact, 11. Shore bird, 13. Py, 14. Deep red, 15. Attire, 16. Dutch liver, 17. Unit of energy, 19. Crumb, 20. Tasset, 22. Skate, 24. Limited.

DOWN: 27. Censure, 29. Friends, 31. Geometric solids, 32. Yaro paste, 33. Owl, 35. Attitude, 37. Zero, 38. Calloway, 41. Category, 43. Emu apple, 45. Exclusive, 46. Deletas, 47. Convolution, 48. Ragouts.

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE  
DOWN: 1. Jade, 2. Layer of the eye, 3. Daybreak, 4. Amazon tributary, 5. Abandoned, 6. Antiquity, 7. Groupier, 8. Invented, 9. Having left a will, 10. Ervil, 11. Designate, 12. Lump, 13. Arabic letter, 14. Clamp, 15. Rubber tree of a kind, 16. Dyes again, 17. Assuredly, 18. Trench, 19. Compactly, 20. One who transfers property, 21. Twofold, 22. 12th Arabic letter, 23. Assuredly, 24. Example, 25. Once more, 26. DuRose Heyward heroine, 27. Ioke, 28. His, French, 29. Buddhist pillar.

# Son of Sam confesses

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (R). — Psychiatrists prepared today to question a paunchy young postal worker and decide whether he should stand trial for the brutal murders of "Son of Sam".

Suspect David Berkowitz, 24, was charged yesterday with the most recent of the killer's six murders -- the shooting of 20-year-old Miss Stacy Moskowitz on July 31.

The arrest of the chubby, curly-haired Mr. Berkowitz after the biggest manhunt in the history of New York, caused a surge of relief after a year of terror.

Mr. Berkowitz smiled when he was arraigned at Brooklyn Criminal Court. Judge Richard Brown ordered him to undergo a mental examination to decide whether he is fit to stand trial.

The man accused of being Son of Sam is now being held in isolation in a maximum security ward at King's County Hospital.

Psychiatrists must decide whether he understands the charges brought against him and whether he can assist in his own defence.

The hospital said a decision was normally reached by two psychiatrists but a bigger panel was expected to study Mr. Berkowitz because the case was unusual.

Police said that Mr. Berko-

witz, in more than eight hours of intensive questioning, had confessed to the string of Sam's crimes that left six dead and seven maimed.

The announcement of Mr. Berkowitz's arrest by Mayor Abraham Beame and Police Commissioner Michael Codd at a tumultuous press conference brought an end to the terror that began with the shooting of Miss Donna Laurie on July 29, 1976.

News of the arrest was first celebrated by the meagre groups of patrons at New York's night spots, left nearly empty by young people too frightened to venture out at night.

A few hours later the city's eight million inhabitants awoke to banner headlines announcing Mr. Berkowitz's arrest, and New York began a day-long outpouring of relief and exuberance that police had tracked Mr. Berkowitz down at his bachelor's flat in Yonkers.

Most of the victims' relatives said they believed justice would be done, but several said they wanted personally to avenge the crimes of the man who struck eight times in over a year against courting couples.

In almost every case the killer fired four shots at his targets from the same .44-calibre gun which police say they recovered from Mr. Berkowitz's

car, along with an arsenal of other weapons and ammunition.

Police said Mr. Berkowitz was about to leave to seek out another victim when he was arrested.

Detectives who questioned Mr. Berkowitz said he gave an indication of the strange motives behind the alleged crimes.

"Why? Why did you kill them?" he was asked, according to several published accounts.

"It was a command," Mr. Berkowitz was reported to have responded. "I had a sign and I followed it. Sam told me what to do and I did it."

He explained that "Sam" was a passive voice of a neighbourhood, "who really is a man who lived 6,000 years ago and I got the messages through his dog," Mr. Berkowitz said.

"He told me to kill. Sam is the devil."



SON OF SAM -- Mr. David Berkowitz, 24 (in white shirt), taken into police headquarters in New York early Thursday morning. Authorities said, on Friday, that he has confessed to the notorious Son of Sam killings. (AP wirephoto)

## U.S., S. Africa, U.K. open Rhodesia talks

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Agencies). — The United States, British and South African foreign ministers held an unprecedented joint meeting here today to discuss revised Anglo-American proposals for giving Rhodesia black majority rule and legal independence by the end of next year.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Mr. Cyrus Vance and Mr. P. V. van der Byl were the luncheon guests of Dr. David Owen at the latter's official London residence. They will continue their talks after a working luncheon in a private session limited to themselves and a private secretary each.

In a surprise development, British officials said the Tanzanian High Commission had told Prime Minister James Callaghan that Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere would not be able to lunch with him tomorrow. Mr. Callaghan had invited the president to luncheon

so that they could discuss the new Anglo-American negotiating initiative.

President Nyerere, who plays a key role in Rhodesian developments, is due to stopover at London airport for a few hours on his way home from a meeting in Washington with President Carter.

## Rightists claim responsibility for theft of jewels in Spain

MADRID, Aug. 12 (R). — Self-styled extreme rightwing guerrillas were today reported to have claimed responsibility for the theft of priceless jewels from Oviedo Cathedral, saying they did not want the treasures to fall into Communist hands.

The Liberal daily newspaper

## Lebanese ex-minister slams Arab-Israeli economic peace

BEIRUT, Aug. 12 (R). — A leading Lebanese economist and former Finance Minister, Dr. Elias Saba, warned Arab leaders yesterday against concluding an "economic peace" with Israel.

Dr. Saba said in an interview in the Beirut independent weekly magazine Al Jumhour that "what I am much afraid of is falling under Israeli domination through bartering occupied Arab land for economic peace with the Arab World."

He was referring to suggestions that Israel give up occupied Arab land in return for a peace settlement which provides open borders and full trade relations with the Arabs. Some people fear this would make the Arabs dependent on Israeli technology and goods.

Dr. Saba said: "It is quite possible that the enemy has now changed its strategy from the theory of Israeli deterrence, which the 1973 war proved to be a failure, to the Israeli peace theory."

He said: "We must categorically and fully reject an economic peace."

Dr. Saba suggested Arab moves towards such economic cooperation as the establishment of an Arab common market.

Dr. Saba said one of the main motives of Israel's new policy of seeking an economic peace was because a Middle East peace settlement would substantially reduce foreign aid to Israel, and with peace there would be no justification for aid.

He added that while the Arabs should reject a peace with Israel that would provide for any kind of economic dealings, the ultimate objective should remain the creation of a secular Palestinian democratic state in Palestine.

"This does not mean that action in stages towards the achievement of that goal is unacceptable," Dr. Saba said.

He indicated there was no harm in accepting the state of Israel temporarily from the political standpoint and at the same time continuing to work for the establishment of a secular democratic state.

## Cuba agrees to discuss fate of 7 detained U.S. nationals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AFP). — The State Department said here yesterday that it was "encouraged" that Cuban leader Fidel Castro had agreed to discuss the fate of seven Americans held as political prisoners in Cuba.

Dr. Castro told U.S. Sen. Frank Church that he intended to discuss the situation with the United States during the Idaho senator's visit to Cuba.

State Department spokesman John Trottner said he hoped the administration would be briefed soon on the results of the trip by Sen. Church, who is number two man on the Senate foreign affairs committee.

Sen. Church told journalists just before leaving Havana that the Cuban government had also agreed to let Cuban wives and children of American residents leave the coun-

## Most Israelis think West Bank withdrawal necessary for peace

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (R). — Some 60 per cent of Israelis believe peace in the Middle East can be achieved only by returning parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank, according to a public opinion poll published today. The poll, carried out for the influential Haaretz daily, showed that 58.8 per cent of those questioned thought peace would not be possible if Israel refused to hand back any part of the West Bank. Only 18.9 per cent felt peace was possible under a slogan of "not an inch" to be returned, while another 7.4 per cent thought there was no connection between peace and the return of territories. Of those who felt territorial concessions would have to be made, just under 48 per cent thought the concessions should be minor while 38.4 per cent favoured major West Bank concessions in return for peace.

## Moslem extremists indicted in Cairo

CAIRO, Aug. 12 (R). — The leader of an extremist Moslem sect and 10 other members were indicted yesterday on the capital charge of murdering a former government minister, Egypt's official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

They face trial before a military tribunal which could impose the death sentence.

MENA said the indictment accused Mr. Shukri Ahmad Mustapha, leader of the "Society of Repentance and Flight from Sin," and his 10 colleagues of kidnapping and killing the former minister of Moslem Religious Endowments, Dr. Mohammed Hussein Al Zahabi, last month.

The agency also reported that 54 members of the sect were accused of contacting the Libyan Jamahiriyah with the

## World News Briefs

**DFLP says it burned Israeli factory**

\* BEIRUT, Aug. 12 (R). — Palestinian commandos said yesterday that a shoe-making factory in Tel Aviv was set ablaze when explosives they planted went off on Wednesday. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) estimated losses at "millions of Israeli pounds." It said in a statement that the operation was in retaliation against "the enemy's repressive measures and settlement policy and the Israeli-American surrender plan... which ignores our people's national rights." A second statement referred to another operation in Nabulus, in the occupied West Bank, the same day. It said a DFLP group buried a hand grenade at an Israeli military patrol in the city, killing or wounding six soldiers.

## U.N. officials accused of keeping "domestic slaves"

UNITED NATIONS, Geneva, Aug. 12 (AFP). — Serfs are imported by some U.N. officials in New York to provide cheap domestic service in their households, a working committee on human rights was told here yesterday.

The committee studied a report by Col. Patrick Montgomery, President of the Anti-Slavery Society, on a pending suit in New York by two young Asian women who say they were employed by U.N. officials under conditions amounting to "domestic slavery". The two are asking for a \$6 million judgement in the name of all people mistreated in similar ways.

The Montgomery report said the two maids were brought to the U.S. after signing contracts in English which they did not understand. They then worked for three years without being paid a salary or given holidays, being made to serve seven days a week and up to 19 hours a day, and sometimes

## Panama Canal treaty: Carter scores major goal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (Agencies). — President Carter has achieved his first major foreign policy objective with the agreement to give up the Panama Canal, but now faces a battle to get the deal accepted at home.

Many Americans, including a hard core in Congress, regard the long-disputed zone as a kind of 51st U.S. state.

The agreement to pull out eventually is also expected to be unpopular with the 37,500 "Zonies" -- Americans whose homes are on banks of the 80 kms. Latin American waterway which cuts Panama in two.

The new treaty must win two-thirds approval in the 100 seat Senate and opponents of it are preparing for a legislative struggle when Congress ends its summer recess next month.

Anticipating a hard slog, President Carter has sent telegrams to every member of Congress appealing for a close study of the treaty terms before they take sides. The White House has also begun a mass campaign to sell the withdrawal to the American people.

**Not ownership**

But the United States was not granted ownership of the waterway, which was protected by U.S. military bases.

"Some Americans assert that we own the canal -- that we bought and paid for it, just like Alaska or Louisiana," says Ambassador-at-Large Ellsworth Bunker, the veteran U.S. diplomat who has been chief negotiator in the canal talks.

"If we give it away, they say, won't Alaska or Louisiana be next?"

The United States bought Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million in 1867. The State of Louisiana was part of the Louisiana Purchase negotiated with France in 1803.

One of the toughest opponents to any hand-over to Panama is Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

## News Focus

White House media campaign

The White House Media Liaison Office, anticipating an emotional national debate once the details of the new treaty become known, has sent out "fact sheets" on the canal to 3,600 editors and broadcasters around the country.

The document describes the 1903 treaty as "a relic of American colonialism" and "a festering wound" that revives memories of past intervention in Latin American affairs.

Settlement of a new treaty would remove the major issue which radical elements could exploit in Panama against the United States, the White House says.

It argues that the canal, "the moon shot" of the early 1900s as the White House puts it, is still important to the United States, though not so much as it used to be.

"The canal carries seven per cent of our trade between the east and west coasts and eight per cent of our foreign trade in canal traffic -- one per cent of our gross national product" it said.

Some 12,280 ocean-going vessels made the eight-hour passage through the canal last year, contributing a total of \$135 million in tolls, the White House said.

One of the causes of the decline is the advent of large cargo vessels too big to navigate the canal's locks.

The administration report said the canal's strategic importance

## Nyerere: We will have no ties with Israel

\* ABU DHABI, Aug. 12 (AFP). — Tanzania will re-establish relations with Israel only when Arab states have done so and after Palestinian national rights have been restored, Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere said yesterday. In an interview with the newspaper Al Itihad published here, President Nyerere said that the majority of African leaders would oppose Israel's attempts to re-establish itself in Africa. This stance followed Arab support for Africa which had been shown "in a startling manner" at the Afro-Arab summit last March. He stresses that the Arabs and Africans were linked by bonds of mutual security and sovereignty, adding that "events which take place in Africa have a definite influence on Arab countries and the converse is true. President Nyerere called on Arab states to invest their surplus capital in development projects in Africa, saying that Western countries which had plundered African wealth in the past were now trying to do the same thing, with Arab capital.

**California reinstates death penalty**

\* SACRAMENTO, Aug. 12 (R). — California restored the death penalty for murder and treason yesterday. But the new law, passed by the state legislature, gave juries the right to specify life imprisonment instead of mandatory execution. The option allowed California to get round a Supreme Court ruling in 1976 which invalidated capital punishment as cruel and unusual. The law will take immediate effect but will not apply retroactively to convicted killers in California jails such as Charles Manson or Sirhan Sirhan. The last execution carried out in the state was in 1967. Gov. Edmund Brown, who opposed the measure as "a matter of conscience" said he would accept the legislature. Supporters of capital punishment said polls showed 70 per cent of Californians supported it and that the murder rate had tripled since the early 1960s.

**Ezer Weizman disciplines Israeli soldiers**

\* TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (AFP). — Discipline is being tightened up in the Israeli army. The previous "easy-going" atmosphere is out, and short hair and shiny boots are now in. And those soldiers who still wish to show their individuality by differing from the norm discover that there is nothing like a fine to bring them back into line. Among the busiest men in Israel's fighting forces, since Minister of Defence Ezer Weizman took over two months ago, have been the army barbers busily shearing off the soldier's long locks. The forage cap is now compulsory attire for any military man when he steps into the Israeli Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv. The new stress on discipline doesn't only apply to men. Women in the army have been told to use less makeup and wear fewer jewels.

**Pope meets with N. Yemen's Al Asmag**

\* CASTELGANDOLFO, Aug. 12 (R). — Pope Paul met North Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdullah Al Asmag today in a private audience at his summer residence here south of Rome. Yemeni sources said the foreign minister, who arrived in Italy yesterday on a private two-day visit, gave Pope Paul a message of greetings from the North Yemeni head of state, Lt.-Col. Ibrahim Al Hamdi.

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